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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand was mixed with some areas reporting slight improvements, but in other areas, interest was no better than moderate; however, optimism is still present for first of the month and upcoming holidays in May. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading for mid-week was light to fair. Wings were balanced to tight with increased interest, tenders were sufficient to close, and the remaining items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 63.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.50 cents last year on April 24, 2002. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.50
BREASTS - B/S	157.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	70.00

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to fair with trading usually limited to much needed product. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in good balance to close and moving well. Breast items were better balanced, but available, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Midweek trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and selective as dealers continued to keep floor stocks in tight balance with the lackluster demand. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive draw was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance. The remainder of cuts were at least adequate for most immediate needs.

**MIDWEST** Trade sentiment on broiler/fryers remained steady. Producer offerings were light to moderate with limited buyer interest. Retail demand slightly improved with features providing some after holiday consumer interest. Retail features noted in the Ohio area on split breasts at \$1.79, boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.98, pic-of-the chick at 99 cents and legs at 69 cents; in the Chicago area, leg quarters featured at 48 and 69 cents. Food service movement was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights desirable to heavy. Offerings of parts items were light to moderate with most interest on breast items and wings for first of month and Mothers Day. The market tone was mostly steady on all items; instances firm on tenders and boneless/skinless breasts, and weak on dark meat.

**WESTERN** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Buyers were cautious as they ascertain needs for first-of-the month. Demand was moderate overall best where features in progress. Floor stocks were adequate to cover needs. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 04/19/03		PERCENT CHANGE
	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	208,793	211,242	-01
CHICKS PLACED	166,755	168,903	-01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 19, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 19, 2003 were 2.66 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 31-May-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 159.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.47 CENTS PER POUND.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 23, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	925	130.00-229.00	134-139	137.29
TENDERLOINS	265	135.00-190.00	135-137	141.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	82.00-89.00	83-85	84.74
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	23.00-38.00	25-27	27.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	598	16.00-19.50	17-18	17.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,077	17.00-26.00	19-20	20.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	46.00-70.00	-	67.02
WINGS (CUT)	467	61.00-85.00	79-82	79.08
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	780	131.00-229.00	133-139	136.46
TENDERLOINS	338	133.00-190.00	133-135	139.59
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	80.00-89.00	82-84	83.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	24.00-37.00	25-26	26.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	598	16.00-19.50	17-18	17.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,077	18.00-26.00	19-20	19.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	102	46.00-71.00	-	61.96
WINGS (CUT)	475	61.00-85.00	-	78.39
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE      TODAY'S AVERAGE  
 43.50 - 47.25      45.15

RANGE      TODAY'S AVERAGE      5-DAY AVERAGE  
 43.50 - 46.75      44.97      45.31

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair during midweek trading as dealers continued with closely balanced floor stocks. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were balanced. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally light. The market tone was steady.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **APRIL 22, 2003**

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	147.93	481,315
TENDERLOINS	125-130	135.23	176,523
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	81.23	123,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	78.00	81,000
LEGS	32-33	30.10	261,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.82	493,889
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	29.36	44,720
THIGHS	22-23	33.24	30,700
B/S THIGHS	62-63	61.19	172,220
WINGS (WHOLE)	59-60	63.05	190,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.35	24,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.98	14,620
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.91	18,100

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	148.60	423,680
TENDERLOINS	125-130	136.20	98,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	82.90	194,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.19	125,480
LEGS	32-33	32.55	231,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.57	419,811
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	29.47	121,230
THIGHS	22-23	31.19	56,960
B/S THIGHS	62-63	67.95	64,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	59-60	66.83	189,260
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	41,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.64	14,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	41.54	23,200

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	04/23	04/22	04/21	04/18	04/21	04/18	04/16	04/14
ALA	3,972	3,840	3,710	2,992	5.09	4.72	3,845	5.23
ARK	5,048	4,710	5,250	4,372	5.04	4.65	5,157	5.02
DELMARVA	2,185	2,191	1,547	1,884	5.33	5.15	2,292	5.23
KY-LA-TN	1,937	1,980	1,903	1,857	4.94	4.78	1,673	5.00
MISS	2,846	3,023	2,893	2,193	5.38	5.44	2,613	5.40
NC	2,471	2,457	2,029	2,659	6.17	5.77	2,251	6.10
TEXAS	2,452	2,435	2,366	2,432	5.15	5.04	2,400	5.07
TOTAL	20,911	20,636	19,698	17,104	5.24	4.98	20,231	5.27
MON-WED 62,037 (A)	61,829(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Apr 03 and is estimated to be 31,285,000 up 3.05 percent from a week ago and down 4.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,359,000; last year 32,635,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63-65
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	96-99
	DRY PACK	103-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		155-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-APR-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/26/03 (1)	04/19/03
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	156,172(2)	152,643
LT HENS	2,050	1,908
HVY HENS	1,285	1,271
TOTAL	159,507	155,822

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Apr-03 is 156.2 million head compared to 159.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.5 million head or 0.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 03-Apr-03 the estimated available is 158.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 04/21/03	189,242	61,183
AM 03/01/03	189,905	61,778
CHG	-663	-595
PCT CHG	0	-1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	4/21/03	4/14/03	4/22/02	4/21/03	4/14/03	4/22/02
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	9,781	9,783	13,099	8,712	9,124	3,535
	114	116	108	3,527	3,653	1,858

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 4/22/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.90	1.33
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.55	-
BROILERS lb.	.55	.95	.65
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.55	1.17
GEESE lb.	.30	.40	.35
TURKEYS lb.	.30	.50	.40
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.95	1.67
RABBITS lb.	.35	2.25	1.43
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 123

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending April 17, 2003

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings
RAYON				
Low	53.85	129.25	68.93	12.92
High	58.16	137.86	77.55	21.54
Mostly	55.14	129.25	73.24	17.23

**SAN JUAN**

Low	60.31	133.55	94.78	21.54	12.92	56.01
High	62.90	142.17	103.40	30.16	17.23	56.01
Mostly	62.04	137.86	99.09	25.85	15.08	56.01

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	53.42	133.55	94.78	12.92	12.92	56.01
High	57.73	146.48	107.70	21.54	19.39	56.01
Mostly	56.01	142.17	94.78	17.23	17.23	56.01

**BECERRA**

Low	61.18	138.72	71.09	28.00	44.37	57.73
High	63.76	148.63	71.09	42.65	51.27	57.73
Mostly	62.90	148.63	71.09	42.65	44.37	57.73

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained generally light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully sufficient in handling current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were clearing satisfactorily. Bone-in breasts were ample. Leg items were fully adequate. Wings were in good balance to closely cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	50-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.82
NO. OF BOXES	3,849

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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